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GOVERNMENT PLANS AID FOR FARMERS
DURING OFF SEASON

50,000 TONS OF RYE ALLOTTED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 155, 8 Jun 49

June 15 to July 15, the in-between season before the harvest, has always been the most difficult period for poorer farmers, who were very often forced to sell livestock, especially hogs, for lack of provisions.

A farmer who had cash paid an exorbitant price for one meter of rye, and one who had no money made payment in labor, usually in the busy harvesting season, in which case his own farm suffered.

To prevent this situation in the future, the government is organizing seasonal aid. Some 50,000 tons of rye, equivalent to more than one million zlotys, have been allotted for distribution.

Needy peasants will receive 80 kilograms of flour and 15 kilograms of bran (equivalent to one meter of rye) or 40 kilograms of flour and 7.5 kilograms of bran (equivalent to one-half quintal), depending on circumstances and the size of the family.

For cash sales, flour and bran at reduced prices (10 - 15 percent below the retail price) are available at the rural cooperatives. Credit will be extended to those who do not have cash and prices will be the same.

Persons availing themselves of credit will be required to have the community vouch for their actual need and to get the approval of the Rural Administration of the Peasant Self Aid.

It is estimated that the allotment of 50,000 tons will take care of 500,000 peasant families during the most difficult period and assure an average daily ration of one half kilogram of bread per person. The bran will be additional feed for the livestock.

This program of government aid is to protect the peasantry from extortion and to assure them of government interest and support.

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PREPARATIONS FOR HARVEST -- Rzeczpospolita, No 157, 10 Jun 49

In Lodz Wojewodztwo, agricultural machinery and equipment to be used during harvest season are now being reconditioned at Peasant Self-Aid Cooperative agricultural machine centers. Repair crews from the TOR (Agricultural Technical Service) and workers from the Lodz factories are making the repairs. For this year's harvest, the small- and medium-scale farmers in Lodz Wojewodztwo will have at their disposal over 300 harvesters and mowing machines, half of them new.

1,051 HECTARES CULTIVATED IN LODZ -- Rzeczpospolita, No 157, 10 Jun 49

Tractor operator Czeslaw Jeczmiern, employed by an agricultural machine center of the rural Peasant Self-Aid Cooperative in Dobra, Brzeziny Powiat, Lodz Wojewodztwo, cultivated 65 hectares of land, which is 150 percent of norm. This is the best result attained by a tractor operator in the Lodz Wojewodztwo this spring.

A total of 1,051 hectares (105 percent of plan) were cultivated by tractors in the Lodz Wojewodztwo.

Agricultural machine centers serviced 8,400 small- and medium-sized farms with drills.

LUBLIN RECEIVES 50 TRACTORS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 157, 10 Jun 49

Fifty Zetor 25 tractors were delivered to the state TOR in Lublin. After the tractors are tested, they will be assigned to the Wojewodztwo Administration of the Peasant Self-Aid Cooperative for distribution.

THREEFOLD INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL CREDITS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 138, 21 May 49.

One of the most important problems connected with increasing agricultural production is the question of long-term agricultural investment credits. Last year these credits increased threefold and totaled more than 27 billion zlotys as of the end of the year.

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